People movers...

Transporting students with disabilities



Least Restrictive Environment

- Yes, LRE applies to transportation
- THINK SAFETY
- Start with regular bus
- Can access with accommodations and modifications?
- If no, a more restrictive mode of transportation may be required.

Removal due to safety risk

- Follow IDEA procedures
- Removal from transportation as a related service is a serious change of placement
- FAPE-free zone = 10 days per year
- BIP in place, implemented?
- Other methods considered?
- Removal from transportation like any other removal
- Temporary restraining order if imminent danger

Personnel training

 Drivers and bus aides need training on any behavioral, emergency medical, or other procedures a student needs, as in IEP



Personnel training, continued

 Training before the first day student is transported

 Update as needed: change of driver, aide, student circumstances



Changes in length of school day



- Student's education impacted?
- Required for safety?
- Impact progress toward IEP goals?
- Solely for administrative convenience?

Participation in non-academic activities

- Field trip on same bus with classmates
- If different transportation, does student have ample other opportunities for interaction with non-disabled peers?
- Are there safety issues?
- Plan ahead.

Transportation as a related service

- Is it necessary for student to access special education?
- Unique needs of disability & student
 - Communication, vision, hearing, motor, cognitive
- Distance
- Nature of route
- Child's age